

THE JANUARY WATERFOWL COUNT VIII

The 1962 Waterfowl Count of the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs was carried out from January 13 to 21, 1962. During the period of January 9 to 14, the State Conservation Department, also, conducted a ground and aerial survey. Our count included 38 species and one hybrid in its total of 251,794 individuals. This new high was a good agreement with the Conservation Department's total of 266,490 individuals.

The Western Grebe was reported from Greenport, Long Island by Samuel Yeaton et al, for the first time in this census series. One hundred Hooded Mergansers reported from Howlands Island Game Management Area was a high count of the species for region 5. A high total for the state was 118,787 Scaup.

A relative comparison to the Waterfowl Counts of the previous seven years showed that half of the species seen this year represented new high or low counts. This is shown by + or — values in the table below.

REGION	1	2	3	5	6	9	10A	10B	NY State
Horned Grebe		+							
Western Grebe								New	New
Mute Swan							+	+	+
Canada Goose							+	+	+
Mallard			+			+		+	+
Black Duck		+	+		—				
Pintail								+	+
Green-w. Teal								+	
Ring-necked Duck			+						
Canvasback								—	—
Scaup		—						+	+
Common Goldeneye	+				+			+	
Oldsquaw									
White-w. Scoter		—					—	—	—
Common Scoter								—	—
Hooded Merganser				+		—			+
Common Merganser						—			
Reb-br. Merganser				—					

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King Eider	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
White-winged Scoter	50	234	—	—	19	2	—	—	2	6115	6422
Surf Scoter	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1155	1156
Common Scoter	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	55	58
Ruddy Duck	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	115	33	151
Hooded Merganser	5	2	10	—	103	—	1	57	10	174	362
Common Merganser	*6400	342	100	110	3286	25	6	157	14	102	10542
Red-breasted Merganser	78	62	4	—	70	4	—	—	632	2811	3661
Coot	2	—	167	—	4	—	—	1	1	159	334
Unidentified	80	—	5	24	31	—	—	8	200	302	650
TOTALS	28200	6873	25106	1000	18358	4952	1890	2182	36927	126306	251794

* Note: Redhead, Region III, includes 3200 estimate for Canandaigua Lake.
Common Merganser, Region I, is a late in week estimate of the Niagara River area.

NEW YORK STATE CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT — GROUND AND AERIAL SURVEY

	Region											
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X A	X B	TOTAL
Mute Swan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	618	627
Geese	—	—	107	—	232	—	—	—	—	303	3276	3918
Brant	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22480	22480
Mallard	5	—	705	—	503	355	6	—	7	370	4511	6462
Black	1165	32	2155	8	1715	949	228	733	129	1366	30816	39296
Pintail	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	140	140
Green W. Teal	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
American Widgeon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	325	5307	5632
Wood Duck	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5
Redhead	—	—	4600	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4600
Canvasback	5975	4	7224	—	495	170	—	—	—	2590	2951	19409
Scaup	5303	141	7800	15	2205	7781	300	—	—	21865	76296	121706
Goldeneye	5935	1427	2550	12	1746	4960	697	—	50	600	5931	23908
Bufflehead	—	—	—	—	—	55	3	—	—	407	1199	1664
Old Squaw	—	50	—	—	180	—	—	—	—	—	203	433
Scoter	—	175	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4627	4802
Ruddy Duck	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	100	100
Merganser	1415	199	2325	145	1110	2930	943	2	64	13	2130	11276
Coot	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	15
Unidentified	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	15
TOTAL	19798	2038	27466	180	8186	17200	2179	735	250	27848	160610	266490